REMARKS

Although applicants do not agree with the requirement for restriction as set forth in the Response of June 12, 2003, the withdrawn claims (claims 7, 39-47, 79-81, 87-91, and 97-145) are canceled and the remaining claims (claims 1-6, 8-38, 48-78, 82-86 and 92-96) are amended to reflect the subject matter which was searched by the Examiner. Specifically in this regard, claims 1, 11, 14, 17, 75 and 83 are amended and claims 10 and 16 are canceled. (Although claim 10 is canceled, the elected subject matter thereof is present in amended claim 11. Claim 16 is canceled as redundant in view of the amendment to A^1 in claim 14.) These amendments are made without prejudice to presenting any of the canceled claims or canceled subject matter of claims in a divisional application.

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-15, 17-38, 48-78, 82-86 and 92-96 are pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 14-17, 48, 49, 70, 75, 82, 83 and 92 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Examiner notes that the limitation "alkyl" for R^8 is not proper because the moiety is divalent, i.e., $-CH_2-$. Accordingly, applicants amend claims 14, 48, 70, 82 and 92 to delete the monovalent form and recite "alkylene" or "ethylene", as appropriate in each claim. Claim 49 has been amended to delete mention of R^9 and to replace the monovalent form with "methylene". It is submitted that the rejection under section 112 has been obviated by the amendments.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time – 2 months – is enclosed. If the required fees are missing or deficient, please charge our deposit account no. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

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